

Welcome to AMBUCS where we are dedicated to creating opportunities for independence for people with disabilities, especially children.

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Summer Sounds Concert Series

The sponsorships continue to sell. As part of that process and to begin promoting the event, fliers have been placed in the Chamber of Commerce mailing and letter are being sent to all downtown businesses. We are also planning to have a huge street-wide banner over Vermilion for the summer.

Our first concert is coming up on June 14 with Irish Night's band Hog Eye Naavy. They were one of the favorite bands last year. For more, please visit www.summersounds.org.

Not only do we make a little money from these concerts (we split the proceeds with Downtown Danville), not only does it give us an opportunity to give something to the community, not only does it put the AMBUC name all over town, it is also our summer social - so come out and enjoy the sun and fun!

Playground Pavilion

As mentioned earlier, the funds for the Additional Pavilion have already been raised. There is a mad rush to build the Pavilion by June 1st, our original fund-raising goal date, but the weather is not co-operating. We may have to wait until July until it is done.

Articles

Have something to say? Want to say it here? We would like to make sure every issue of the newsletter is interesting and informative. If there is something you have a question about, or something you would like to write, send it to info@danvilleambucs.com.



Tortoise and the Hare

Phil Ferguson

Phil owns Polaris Financial Planning and came to speak to us today about making money. With his 8 years of experience and Snickers® bars he gave us some statistics and some advice.

Obvious statistics like 90% of us have not saved enough for retirement and 50% of us do not have a plan. Less obvious statistics like we have only a 1 in 20 chance to pick a fund that beats the market. In fact, even if we do, it probably won't beat the market by enough to cover it's costs!

What's a financial advisor without advise? Phil suggested that we will gain our future financial security by investing in Index Funds. The S&P 500 for instance. Index funds have better tax implications (they buy and sell slowly, so you pay less tax as the market moves), they are cheaper (you don't have to pay as much overhead), they have a higher return (over the long run of course), and they have less risk (again, over the long run).

By playing the market 'foolish' Euan invested \$10k in 1967 and has \$216k now. 'Smart' Donna invested the same amount in Index Funds and now has \$342k. Even 'foolish' Euan can see there are fries in his future.

Still, talk to your advisor, nothing is certain, etc! You can still do everything right and loose it all.

Meeting Notes

The Danville Symphony is playing *The Sound of Music* on Saturday the 11th at 7:30pm and Sunday the 12th at 3:30pm in the Danville High School Auditorium. They will have several displays from the era including some pre-USA-entry-WWII Nazi artifacts and pictures of a Van Trappe family visit to Danville. For more information call 443-5300.

Future Program

- 5/8 Ted Williams - Boys State
Lunch will be Soup & Sandwiches.
- 5/15 Marrilee DeArmond - Personal Trainer
- 5/22 Spring Orientation
- 5/29 Big Hat
- 6/5 Installation of Officers & Party
- 6/12 Craig Cummings - Consumers Water
- 6/19 Ron Neufeld - City Comptroller
- 6/26 Picnic at the Playground for Everyone

Board Meeting

May 13 at noon at Clifton-Gunderson. Feel free to join us, let Donna know so she can make sure there's enough lunch for all. Please park in the lot if you can rather than in front.

National News

AmTryke National Statistics

2001 was a busy year for the AmTryke as 755 were shipped, an increase of 49 from the previous year. Of these 383 were small, 292 were large and 80 were all terrain. National filled 110 requests from the Wish List which left only 33 not including requests for the Toddler.

Nomenclature

Life Member

Lifetime memberships, sold at conferences, allow a member to no longer pay national dues. The fee must be paid in full within one year before the privilege can take effect. This means more money stays in Danville!

Membership Corner

- Jeff Saylor 1995, Big Hat in 1999
- Angela Springer 1998
- Gary Tucker 1990, Big Hat in 1996

If you would like more of your information listed in the newsletter or on our web site, let us know: info@danvilleambucs.com.